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First Lutheran Church, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

The large enrollment at the Luther Institute, Chicago, Ill., made it necessary to conduct two opening services at the beginning of the school year to accommodate the 623 students.

One of our pastors has informed the management of Synod's Radio Station KFUO that a member of his congregation had made provision for the station in his last will to the extent of $4,000.

Mrs. Mary Mikkelson, a Free Methodist, of Gettysburg, S. Dak., derived so much comfort from Lutheran radio messages that she bequeathed the sum of $1,000 to the Lutheran Hour.

Mr. Paul Schaefer, for the last nineteen years teacher at St. John's Lutheran School, Forest Park, Ill., recently completed fifty years of service in our Christian day schools.

Candidate Leroy E. Buuck, recent graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., was commissioned as missionary to China on the evening of Sept. 9 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., the Rev. O. H. Schmidt, executive secretary of the Board for Foreign Missions, performing the ceremony. Pastor H. H. Backs of Mount Calvary Lutheran Congregation, Waynedale, near Fort Wayne, of which Missionary Buuck is a member, assisted.

Capt. Lawrence Graebner, age 24, son of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Graebner of St. Paul, was a pilot with Lt. Col. Lanphier, whose squadron shot down Admiral Yamamoto — the most notable exploit of the Air Force in the Pacific.

A United Press report in the *Knickerbocker News* gave an account of conversations which Chaplain Carl R. Eggers, formerly at Hope Luth. Church, Tonasket, Wash., had with Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering and Joachim von Ribbentrop in their prison cells at Nuernberg.

The Rev. I. Bläkkan, P. em., one of the founders of the Norwegian Synod of the American Ev. Luth. Church, died Oct. 17 at a hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.

For $3,200 the Church of Our Savior at Indian Head, Md., the Rev. L. Westermann, pastor, purchased the abandoned county schoolhouse in which the congregation had been worshiping and which was being sold at auction. It is reported that this was the first instance where a congregation of the Southeastern District obtained its property at public auction.

The Rev. H. H. Hohenstein on Oct. 11, 1945, completed twenty years of service as Director of Station KFUO. Connected with the station from its very beginning, Station Director Hohenstein has seen the enterprise develop from a small station in the attic of the former Concordia Seminary on South Jefferson Avenue into the present modern broadcasting center.

The Rev. Arthur A. Doege, president of Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., has returned to his duties at the school after serving as chaplain in the Army for three years and eight months. His experiences during this period have led him to the conviction that the Church must teach parents to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord in order to help a world society to adjust itself.

The Speese family, living on a small ranch thirty-five miles out of Pierre, S. Dak., holds membership in Faith Congregation at Pierre. Prior to acquiring the car shown in the background, attendance at church meant getting up at four o'clock in the morning to make Sunday school on time and in the winter braving the cold without a heater or windows except a windshield.

Mr. and Mrs. Speese and Four of Their Children

First Lutheran Church of Windsor, Ont., Canada, has 810 communicants, served by Pastors G. Storm and H. Schaus. Our frontispiece is taken from a fine etching of the church property.

All four sons of the late F. Wm. Friedrich, formerly teacher at Glencoe, Minn., are pastors in our Church. On the picture appear, l. to r.: Carl, pastor at Bagley, Minn.; Edwin, Carl's twin brother, at Pleasant Dale, Nebr.; Eugene, at Gar-

den City, Mich.; and William, at Deer Creek, Minn. The Rev. Eugene Friedrich is also editor of the *Detroit Lutheran.*

Barbara Brauer, now seven and in the third grade, has been a pupil at the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich., since she was four years old. She was one of seven pupils of about the same age level selected from various schools for the deaf throughout the country for the purpose of comparison and study as a class in Northwestern University's summer teachers' clinic. Because she was far ahead of all the other pupils, she could not be used in the class, but was studied as an individual pupil. Dr. Harold Westlake of Northwestern University reported the findings to Mr. J. A. Klein, director of the institute. In an accompanying letter he stated: "Barbara was an excellent advertisement for your school this summer, since her achievement was higher than that of any other deaf pupil we had enrolled. All of us realize, of course, that Barbara's native capacity has something to do with this high achievement. However, there is every evidence that she has had intelligent handling and thorough instruction in your school. You are indeed to be congratulated on your work with her."

G. V. S.

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Editorial

We Still Need the "Sola Scriptura"

"It is a splendid thing that doctrine again is being discussed in the Lutheran synods. God wants to test heart and reins. He wants to see whether we stand firmly by the Word of God and, like the author of the 119th Psalm, estimate it above everything else."

The words are quoted from a letter of the sainted Dr. Pfotenhauer, addressed to the present writer after reading the manuscript of his *Historic Position of the Lutheran Church in Non-Fundamentals.* They are timely in their emphasis that whatever discussions may arise out of our 1938 union resolutions, we must be guided in our decisions by the Word of God alone.

The worst enemy of the principle *Sola Scriptura* is the substitution of human interpretation of a Scripture passage for the authority of Scripture itself. Whether that substitution be made by quoting the Apostolic Fathers of the Early Church or the Reformers or the Synodical Fathers, the result is a setting aside of the principle stressed by no one more assiduously than by the Fathers of Lutheranism — that no human interpretation can ever be made a test of orthodoxy. We have taught in our two Seminaries and in all our literature for the past hundred years that making the interpretations of theologians a rule for establishing (or disestablishing) church fellowship is popery pure and simple, even where the intentions are the best.

No one stands higher in our Church as theologians than the writers of our Confessions — the Augsburg Confession, the Formula of Concord, and the rest. But our Synod has consistently held that even the interpretation and application of Scripture in the Confessions are not a norm and test of orthodoxy in our Church. We have always admitted that also for the true doctrine, texts at times have been cited which are not valid proof for that doctrine. We have refused to assert that the Confessions always quote passages of Scripture in their divinely intended sense. Moreover, we have said this in *Der Lutheraner* and in other publications intended for the lay reader. "We subscribe to the doctrine, not to the exegesis, of the Confessions."

Luther's whole fight with Romanism was on this point. He denied the right of human authority even when it quotes Scripture. Not the interpretations of the popes and councils, but the inspired Word itself was to him the standard of doctrine. Dr. Walther once devoted an entire synodical essay to the proposition that, however much we honor their learning and piety, one cannot prove (or deny) orthodoxy by quoting the Fathers. He characterized that tendency as the way to Rome. He staked the existence of the Missouri Synod on the proposition that the Word of God is so clear that its teachings do not require expert linguistic knowledge, like that of the theologian, to make our heart sure of the truths we are to believe and defend. For every doctrine there is enough clear Scripture to place it beyond all doubt. What a Church we would be if the layman had to wait until the theologians have settled their linguistic debates before he knows what to believe! And because this has always been the position of our Church, it has never made church fellowship depend on agreement with some current interpretation of a Scripture passage or even on agreement with the interpretations espoused by Luther and the other authors of the Confessions of our Church. That way lies the road to spiritual slavery. We will have none of it. G.

The Deceptive Veneer of Culture

When we read history, we find that cruelties and atrocities practiced in times of war are not at all unusual. For instance, of the Assyrians we read, "They were great warriors; continually out on raiding expeditions; builded their state on the loot of other peoples; practiced cruelty; skinned their prisoners alive or cut off their hands, feet, noses, ears, put out their eyes, pulled out their tongues, made mounds of human skulls, all to inspire terror" (*Pocket Bible Handbook,* p. 218). But why such things are done by people highly civilized and cultured, as we had plenty of opportunity to read and hear during the recent war, some people do not understand. But even the Assyrians were not altogether without civilization and culture. The Assyrian empire was a world power from 900 to 600 B. C. Nineveh, its capital, was a most magnificent city. Excavators found a library in Nineveh of a hundred thousand volumes, a third of which is in the British Museum. The German people were among the most cultured in the world, as is generally admitted. The Japanese, too, were not altogether without culture. And yet: massacre of Jews and atrocities in the prison camps by the Germans; the burying alive of prisoners by the Japanese, etc. There is only one explanation for all this: man in his natural sinful condition cannot be elevated to a high plane of morality by such things as civilization and culture. Anyone who has thought so — there have been many — should have had his mind disabused of such a wrong notion by what occurred in the recent war. Even in time of peace we read of men and women who are savagely brutal, outrageously cruel. But such cases are more isolated and therefore little noticed in times of peace, while in times of war they are more widespread and attract general attention. Paul, describing men in their natural sinful condition, says among other things that they are "full of envy and murder, inventors of evil things, with-

out understanding, without natural affection, unmerciful," Rom. 1:22-32.

The deceptive thin veneer which culture spreads over the sinful heart of man cannot prevent the outburst of sin, either in its finer or grosser form. A change in men takes place when they become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is of such that we read that they "do not bite and devour one another," but bring forth "the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," Gal. 5:22, 23.

J. H. C. F.

Implications of the Atomic Bomb

In the religious reading of two generations ago the *Night Scenes in the Bible*, by the Rev. Daniel March, held a favorite place. In a recent issue of *Signs of the Times* we are reminded of a description of the enormous part invisible powers play about us, found in one of these chapters. Rev. March wrote: "We are compassed about at all times . . . by forces of illimitable power. . . . The partition between us and the unseen world is thin as the garments that clothe our flesh, and as easily pierced as the bubbles that float on the wave. A slight change in the elements of the air we breathe would wrap the whole earth in devouring fire or stop the breath of everything that breathes. The draft of water with which we quench our thirst holds imprisoned an electric force great and terrible enough to darken the heavens with tempests and to shake the eternal hills with its thunders." The invention of the atomic bomb gives new meaning to these words. And we are reminded of another prediction in the Second Letter of Peter: "The Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Even with the atomic bomb as it has now been developed it would be possible for 123 B-29's to work all the destruction in one mission, each carrying a single atomic bomb, that was wrought by aerial bombardment in Europe through the four years of war. And an article in *Newsweek* of Sept. 17 has this to say: "It is quite possible that other processes which are theoretically possible, such as disintegration of the hydrogen atom, might under certain circumstances destroy the present balance of elements in and around the earth, making it unable to support human life."

Douglas Jerrold writes in the *New English Review* of October: "A quarter of a century ago Mr. Asquith remarked in a prophetic phrase: 'Science has only begun to lisp the alphabet of annihilation.' Science has now mastered the complete grammar."

At Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Howard W. Blakeslee, science editor of the Associated Press, made an address in the course of which he asserted that in the opinion of a majority of the scientists who participated in the development of the atomic bomb "by using more bombs, larger bombs, and more efficient bombs it will be possible in the near future to destroy completely the bulk of the population, industry, and military strength of any nation within a few days. Moreover, aviation and rocket developments might enable this to be done in a few hours without the possibility of effective retaliation."

Such possibilities — and they are more than that — must cause every Christian heart to implore the Father in heaven that He will guide the thoughts of men into the ways of peace. And having done that, it behooves all of us to exert our influence as Christian citizens in that direction.

G.

Hell Is Around the Corner

In this way Dr. John M. Jensen of the *Ansgar Lutheran* sums up the impressions of his trip to Denmark. He was quoting an English industrialist whom he met on his trip: "'Hell is just around the corner,' he said, 'unless something happens to the world.' You get the impression in Europe that his words are true."

In another column we are printing a report of our representatives in Europe. Here is one sentence: "The suffering from hunger, cold, sickness, and destitution which will be the lot of millions in Europe this winter is even greater than it was during the war."

We have brought in recent issues reports from chaplains in Germany and other reliable observations which tell the same story. The United States officers in charge of relief work in Europe predict the death of millions from cold and starvation.

It is not too late now to make contributions to the Peace Thankoffering. How much of this amount will be set aside for relief in Europe rests with the synodical authorities. After the news is all in, of which we are giving the first installment, we believe that a large percentage of this collection will go to keep alive Lutherans in Germany, Poland, Finland, and other countries now threatened with the evils symbolized by two of the horsemen of the Apocalypse. For one thing, as far as demands will go for new college buildings, no matter how important, we shall probably decide that we must do without them. Some are more urgent than others. But who, for instance, would want a Gothic Chapel on the grounds of Concordia Seminary built with dollars that might have kept several thousand Lutherans in Europe alive? Those who have not done their share for the Peace Thankoffering will be assured that their gifts will help save Lutheranism in Europe. If we wish to preserve to these people the preaching of the Gospel, we must first keep them alive.

G.

The Church Loves Her Young People

Read that Washington Letter in this number of the LUTHERAN WITNESS, and note the kindness, the concern, and the love for young people which colors every word of it. Moreover, do not all our church periodicals and church activities reveal how much the Church is doing for its youth? The contact pastors, the chaplains, service centers, Army and Navy Commission, together with the pertinent literature, all tell of the love of the Church for her young people. Just about every congregation has its young people's society, many of them have separate organizations for seniors and juniors. Then there are our Walther League Societies, the *Walther League Messenger, Young Lutherans' Magazine, Concordia Messenger,* and the many books published or recommended for the reading of young people. In addition we have elementary and higher schools for our young people and the Lutheran university and the university chaplains. In all this our Church shows that it has the spirit of Christ. Jesus loved the young. Luther also never tired of calling attention to the importance of spiritual care for the youth of the Church. Should not all this impress the young people with the fact that the Church loves its young people?

Let the young avoid one serious mistake, the folly of imagining that they do not need the Church, that they do not need her guidance, her correction, her instruction, her help. Young man, young woman, for you it is especially important to know that the devil walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I have heard the wail of those young whom the devil had deceived. How I did

pity them! Keep close to your Good Shepherd and to the one whom the Holy Ghost Himself has made overseer of the flock. It was written more than three thousand years ago, but it is still of utmost importance today: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word," Ps. 119:9. S.

The Paper Shortage

In the opinion of the publishers, it is only the paper shortage that stands between our present subscription list of 228,000 and an increase to 300,000 in 1946. The Editors have never predicted variations in the number of subscribers (nor should our publisher be understood as entering the field of the soothsayers), and particularly at the end of the year we have our uncertainties, gloomy presentiments, which so far have never been realized. It is a simple matter of fact, however, that at the present time six additional Districts are negotiating for a District-wide contract with the publishers, in line with the synodical resolution of 1944 recommending this move to the Districts.

In spite of the cessation of hostilities, the difficulty of obtaining paper continues. This causes the first gray hair to grow on the head of Manager Dorn — he had to stop the presses on the LUTHERAN WITNESS lately when entirely out of paper — and it is adding to those on the heads of the Editorial Committee. Instead of giving our readers an occasional 24-page issue in order to clean up on news items, we have had to make a difficult choice between a score of items all eagerly demanding immediate publication. It has happened that an editorial made reference to an article programmed for the same issue which had to be pulled out as the pages were being made up. Contributors have had just cause for complaint on this delay in printing news items and articles suited to the season. Sometimes we had to split articles into two and three installments that should have appeared as one. We hope that our readers will bear with our paper in this as in other shortcomings. G.

The Cure of Worry

Physicians tell us that worry drives many men to drink. It must be admitted that this is true. We have all heard the expression: "He tried to drown his sorrows in drink." But by this time everyone ought to know even from the experience of the human family that drink is not the cure for worry, just as little as salt water is the cure of thirst. The Bible offers us the proper cure for worry when it warns us against drink, but tells us to be filled with the Spirit, Eph. 5:18. That means that Jesus is the Savior also from worry, even as He has said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." We should pray for this gift, even as we pray for all gifts which God can give us. We will repeat to you the invitation of the Savior: "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" But by all means, keep in mind that we are not only to pray for it. We are to go and take it where God has placed this gift for us, namely, in His Word. We are to use God's Word daily. When David was in utmost distress — his father-in-law sought to kill him, his wife had become unfaithful, his own followers wanted to stone him — then David did not take to strong drink, but we are told: "But David encouraged himself in the Lord, his God," 1 Sam. 30:6. That is why David could endure the fiery trials through which God sent him. Read his psalms, and you can learn to do the same thing. Not strong drink, but the Word of God is the cure for worry. S.

What's Wrong with This Congregation?

By MARTIN S. SOMMER

One congregation grows and grows, another congregation remains stationary and may even dwindle in membership. What is wrong? That depends. It could be that in its territory there are no people to gain. You cannot build up a congregation in the Sahara Desert. It must also be admitted that even in our large cities there are neighborhoods which present almost insurmountable difficulties. We know of a little congregation in a sequestered, isolated neighborhood, entirely surrounded by established churches of other denominations which just about occupy the field. That congregation has done worse than remain stationary, its membership has dwindled. Lutherans who came to that community felt strange among the many non-Lutherans, the social atmosphere was chilly — many moved away. The lack of growth in such a congregation is easily explained.

But there are congregations which cannot point to such causes for their lack of growth. In some of these there may be a lack of co-operation, of harmony, of peace; instead there is suspicion, there is gossip, there is jealousy, and faultfinding. All this is the more harmful if such carping criticism and backbiting is heard by children, young people, and weak Christians. All this loveless, harmful talk may cause these to lose confidence in their teachers, pastors, officers, and other church members. They see or hear only the unpleasant, seamy side of church life, but the world smiles upon them, the world seems so much more pleasant. No wonder that they drift from the Church!

Or this very gossip, criticism, and faultfinding will impress them as unlovely and hateful. They ask themselves: Is that the fruit of church membership? Is that what this sanctimonious behavior in church leads up to? It will not be difficult for these to find some excuse for criticizing the Church and for leaving a body which is forever haggling, wrangling, and backbiting. That is what the Lord had in mind when He told us: "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another," Gal. 5:15.

It is well known that the congregation of Charles H. Spurgeon in London experienced a very remarkable growth. Certainly there were other causes, upon which we do not need to enter now, but we are also told that there was a wonderful co-operation among the members of that congregation. Many of them had been converted from gross sin. They meant it when they prayed: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." They practiced those two "bears," to bear and to forbear. Moreover, they all spoke well of their pastor. Just about every member of the congregation was a publicity agent for their pastor. No wonder that congregation grew and prospered!

True, among the disciples of Jesus there also appeared selfishness, discontent, jealousy, and disputes, but the Lord Jesus showed how to deal with these ugly tares. He told the

selfish mother of Zebedee's children the truth which she needed to learn. He taught Peter a lesson when Peter asked, "Behold, we have forsaken all and followed Thee, what shall we have therefor?" Later on the Apostles also did not allow the dispute between the Greeks and the Hebrews in the first Christian congregation at Jerusalem to remain unsettled, they made an arrangement which put a stop to it, and then we are told: "The Word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith," Acts 6:1-7.

The first thing which a physician does when he is called to the sick is to discover just exactly what is ailing the person. He calls that the diagnosis; that is very important. Just so it is important to discover why a congregation is languishing or lacks vitality and growth. Unless the diagnosis is correct, the treatment may do more harm than good. But where some evil interferes with the growth and peace of a congregation, we should not allow the devil to undermine the good work of God's people. Certainly we should pray for God's guidance and help. We may also call in other experienced brethren to aid us both in the diagnosis and in the treatment, but by all means the patient should not be neglected. The proper Word of God, the proper instruction, warning, admonition, should be employed. The Word of the Lord should be heeded which He spoke through His Apostle to that young minister Timothy: "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine," 2 Tim. 4:2.

We dare never forget that the lives and the virtues of the early Christians made a great impression upon the heathen among whom they lived. The heathen said: "How these Christians love each other! We heathen are ready to kill each other, but the Christians are ready to die for each other." True, even the externals of the church, its beautiful building, its well-kept lawns, and the attractive interior are not to be neglected, but more impressive than all this is the conduct of the members. St. Paul tells us that the fruits of the Spirit are "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance." Where these fruits appear, those who notice them will be impressed, and those who have grown up with them will never be able to forget the "Father's house."

A $2,750,000 Budget for 1946

By W. F. BECK, Publicity Office, St. Louis, Mo.

III

Deaf and Blind ($56,000)

In 1946, the year of the fiftieth anniversary of our work among the deaf, we shall be financing the work of 24 men (one additional man has just been called) and an intern in their work among the deaf.

Our deaf Lutherans, too, are stewards of a better income. The mission work among them in Milwaukee is almost self-supporting. A group in Brooklyn is raising $27,000 for a church and a parsonage.

The blind are receiving the *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind* and the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind.* And our Board is ready to help any pastor whose charge is near one of the 54 State schools of the blind in our country and who will give religious training to some of the 5,000 children enrolled there.

Among the Negroes in America ($92,000)

Acting Secretary Wilson reports: "We receive appeals at regular intervals for the opening of new missions — particularly in the large urban centers. While this type of missionary activity is considerably more expensive than the work in our Southern States, experience shows that this work develops more rapidly and yields greater returns. For this program of most-urgently needed expansion we could at once place at least six new missionaries. . . . Lack of manpower has been one of our great problems for years." Five new missionaries were needed in the past year to replace vacancies.

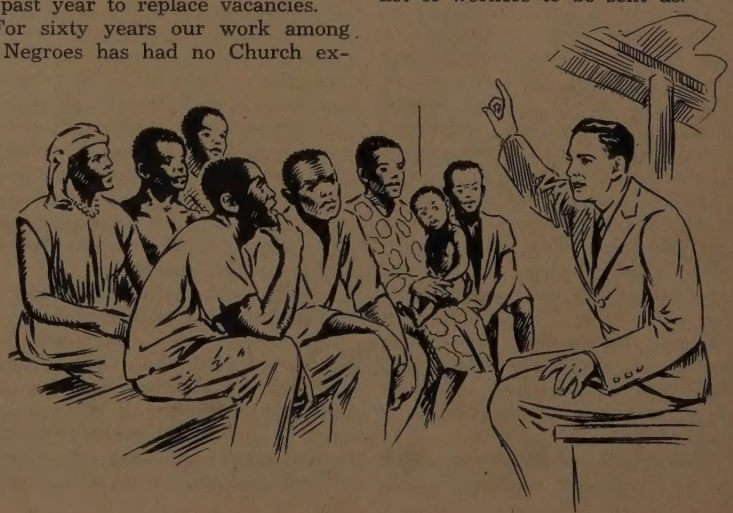
For sixty years our work among the Negroes has had no Church ex-

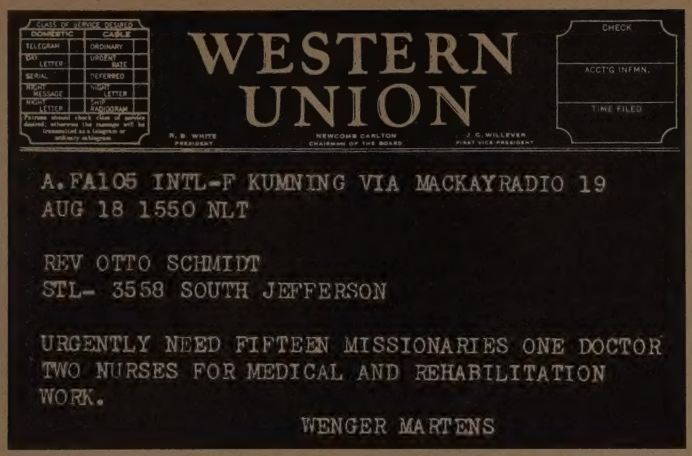
tension fund. To meet this great need, the Fiscal Conference offered this solution: Out of an expected balance in the 1945 budget, $25,000 will be placed as a gift into the Negro Church Extension Fund.

In Africa ($50,000)

"Never was so much expected of so few," is the plea from Africa. "There are virtually no limits to our opportunities." In spite of an extremely small staff of missionaries the work is steadily expanding: more than 10 new stations were added since the beginning of this year.

Our Missionary Rusch met with the chiefs of a large clan. He says, "Our hearts bleed for these poor natives. Thousands of people — yet not even one infant school in the entire clan. Among these thousands of folks I saw the purest heathenism I have ever seen in this land. . . . What would your answer be if you had been sitting there, hearing these chiefs ask for help? . . . Please add several more men to the list of workers to be sent us."





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WENGER MARTENS

South America ($135,000)

A businessman was quoted as saying, "The most aggressive group among the Protestants in South America today are the Missouri Synod Lutherans."

Although many of our people do not understand the Portuguese, in which all services are now held, the Church is growing. Our Brazilian District has topped all the Districts of Synod with a 10.3% gain in members. Nine churches became self-supporting; another 10—12 increased their contributions 40—90%; half of these undoubtedly will be self-supporting this year.

More men are badly needed, and these men must be natives. The enrollment at our Porto Alegre Seminary, therefore, is to be stepped up from a biennial to an annual one. For this purpose additional buildings must be erected, and two more professors will be called.

Rapid progress can also be seen in our work in Argentina. Nine years ago only three men preached in Spanish. Today all our Argentine pastors are ready to preach in Spanish to a Spanish population.

President Beckmann reports a 35% increase in Communion attendance and a 33% increase in contributions. Another increase is expected this year.

The plans for a $75,000 seminary in Buenos Aires are in the hands of our Board of Directors.

India and China ($445,000)

Missionary Voss and two Chinese pastors are now going down the Yangtse River to look up our fellow Christians in those areas which were occupied by the Japanese.

When we read the statement of the reporter T. H. White, "I spent 2,800,000 Shanghai dollars on drinks for four people at a bar. I hired a car for one day for $3,600,000," we can understand why it may cost a hundred thousand dollars to keep a few men active in China. Now the money situation has taken a little turn for the better, and a missionary writes, "For the first time I have been able to have the tailor put patches on my clothes without going into debt." Very much will be needed for relief and for rebuilding.

A veteran, Missionary Ziegler, has recently left the United States to go back to China. His family will, for the time being, remain here. Several others are preparing to leave soon, some this fall, others early next year.

There are 10,000 children in our India schools. We have 21 Indian pastors, and about 30 additional men have finished their training and are ready to be ordained.

Our Indian Christians are rising to assume their financial responsibilities. A group of 18 congregations raised more for themselves than needed to be given them in mission funds. These 18 congregations support a mission of their own out of their contributions.

In order to give our worn and weary missionaries the chance to rebuild their strength for further work in the foreign fields, practically our whole mission force in India and China will have to be moved across the ocean in one direction or the other. "I wish you could have been with us when those missionaries came off the *Gripsholm* and the next day in the thanksgiving service," Executive Secretary Schmidt told the Fiscal Conference, "I have never seen a group so tired, so spent as those men. They have to have a furlough, or they will go to pieces."

Europe ($20,000)

Europe is a dark and huge question mark. Doctors Behnken and L. Meyer will be on the scene over there and are expected to report to us soon. They will be followed by Pastor Louis Buchheimer, the representative of our Board for European Missions, who will spend a year to organize our work in Europe. The help that is needed will be limitless. "Never have I seen such misery, poverty, and despair," writes Louis P. Lochner as he looks at Berlin.

An item of hope: Three Polish refugee boys, who have had junior college training, are eager to prepare themselves for the ministry in our seminaries.

Lutheran Hospital Nurses Training School, Enshih, China
Farewell picture posed for Mrs. Gilbert Wenger

On Lonely Ascension Island

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When our troops arrived here, life was difficult, and one of the great difficulties was the lack of water. There are no springs or rivers on the island, and the water supply is a big problem. The British have some rain sheds on top of Green Mountain, where they catch the rain water, but the supply is limited. At first our troops had only about a quart of water per day per man for all purposes. Now the engineers have put in a big plant where they take the ocean water and boil it, catch the steam, cool it, and thus supply the men with water. It is an expensive process, but there is now an ample supply. Now we also have a laundry here; so it is not necessary for the men to do their own washing. Uncle Sam has made some marvelous improvements on this island, and life here is quite comfortable. The spirit and morale of the men is very good. The only thing that is lacking and keenly felt is the total absence of the ornamental sex.

Fishing — Fair to Middling

One thing that appealed to me particularly is the fishing. I wish I had more of the characteristics of the great Apostle Peter besides his love for fishing, but I definitely have that. Meat is scarce; so we have a fishing detail here that goes out to catch fish daily to supply the mess halls. I went out with them shortly after my arrival here and never had such fishing in my life. I never thought I would ever get to a place where the fish bite so fast and furious that I wished they would stop for a while to give me a rest. I wore myself out pulling in cravelli (don't know about that spelling) weighing from eight to eighteen pounds. They also catch big tuna, wahoo, and dolphin. The fishing boat often comes in with a thousand or more pounds of fish, and that is quite a bit of fish. I have enjoyed some of the best fish feeds of my life while here.

Memorial Day Service

During my stay here we had a very impressive Memorial Day service at our cemetery. At a cemetery we learn the cost of war. The business of war is to kill or get killed, and the tragedy of war is not so much the loss of planes, or ships, or the destruction of property, but the appalling loss of irreplaceable human lives. We must measure the cost of war not only by the number of lives lost, but also by the tears and pains and bleeding hearts of those who feel a deep void in their life because a loved one will not return. It made me feel very sad to see in front of me twelve new graves, less than a month old, graves of men who had successfully come through two years of war and met with death here on the island on their way home in consequence of a plane accident. What a tragedy to be killed on the way home! We never know in this life when death will come, and happy are those who know Him who gives them victory over death, when He says: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

When we measure the cost of war, when we visualize the woe and the wounds of war, when we see its heartaches and horrors, it is easy to become a pacifist. Then we think of what Storm Jameson, who was an ardent pacifist, says in her new book. "Pacifism is easy when you keep your gaze steadily on war, on the Ape's work. Shift your gaze a little to one side, to Dachau and the schools where children's tender skulls are hardened to deny gentleness and freedom, place them in the England you know — and it is no longer easy, or even possible, to remain a pacifist. . . . When the moment to choose comes between submission to the evil of war and the evil of Dachau, I shall choose, blindly, the first." When we see the cruelty of war, we have to shift our gaze a little. We need to see what would have happened if we had not entered the war. We need to see our children hardened by the cruel and anti-Christian Nazi ideology. We need to see the light of liberty extinguished in our land. We need to visualize the inhuman treatment liberty-loving people received at the hands of the Japanese and Nazis. We need to see the rape of Nanking transferred to Chicago or San Francisco, with our wives as the victims. We need to see these things, and then we realize that there are things in life more precious than life itself. Then we see there are things worse than the ravages of war. And as we remember that our liberty was bought with the blood of the men who died for us, we shall be deeply grateful for their sacrifice. It would be a disgrace if our people would ever forget that the freedom they enjoy was bought with the lifeblood of these men. We can never repay them. But we can show that our gratitude is honest and our appreciation genuine by rededicating ourselves to the great cause for which they died — the establishment and guarantee of liberty and justice among men.

And as we think of liberty being bought with blood, we ought never forget that our Christian liberty was bought not with the blood of men, but with the blood of the eternal Son of God. We are free men and free women, free from the curse of sin, death, and the devil because the eternal Son of God left His throne in heaven and came into this world and died for us on the cross of Calvary. Our freedom was bought with His blood. Can we ever forget it? Dare we ever forget it? Let us show Him that our gratitude is honest and our appreciation sincere by rededicating our life to His cause and give ourselves unselfishly to the proclamation of the Gospel of liberty and peace to a sinful world.

Protestant Missions in Brazil

I hope to get a plane out of here tomorrow which will take me back to Brazil. It has been a revelation to me to know of the Protestant mission work that is being done there. The Baptists have a large college in Recife, where I am stationed, and have over eight hundred students. The Presbyterians have a large girls' school with over a hundred girls, most of them boarding students. Both Baptists and Presbyterians have a seminary there, where they train men for the ministry. In Recife there are thirty-six Baptist churches, and I don't know how many Presbyterian. There are no Lutheran churches in this vast part of Brazil. When will we enter this field, ripe for the harvest? I could tell you many interesting stories of missionary progress in South America, but that is another story, and I am coming to the end of another page; so will sign off and tell you that story at some other time.

I have enjoyed the best of health both in Brazil and on Ascension and am grateful that I have been able to do the Lord's work in these fields. I regret that I must be separated from my family, as I miss them very much. It is now possible for officers to bring their families to Brazil, but there are certain things about living down here that doesn't make it advisable to bring children at present. I would be perfectly happy in my work here if I could have the pleasure of the presence of my loved ones.

Hope this finds you well and happy. With kindest regards and greetings to all of you, I am,

Cordially yours,

June 8, 1945 HENRY O.

From Our Representatives in Europe

It's Saturday, Oct. 20, in London with a real London fog blanketing the city. But it's easier and freer living and breathing than when the buzz bombs and V-2's were coming over the last time I was here about a half a year ago. And yet a feeling of depression comes over one as we and millions of others in Europe gradually begin to realize what the war has really done to people and nations. It will take another year or two before the impact of the aftermath of years of destruction of lives and souls and physical properties are fully realized. An escapee from a prison camp told me yesterday that every American ought to fall on his knees three times a day and thank God fervently for keeping war from our shores. Three times a day is not enough — our total lives should become living sacrifices of gratitude. Our returning servicemen will know better what I mean. I wish every congregation would prevail upon the men and women who have seen war to give a description of it to our people. After seeing just a little of the destruction wrought, Dr. Behnken said, "Only the grace of God kept America from suffering like the people here." And the suffering from hunger, cold, sickness, and destitution which will be the lot of millions in Europe this winter is even greater than it was during the war.

But "all things work together for good." During these past days we have had an experience which warms the heart. We met with representatives of the Lutheran Church in Poland. Of their leader, Dr. A. Wantula, former professor of Church History at the University of Warsaw, Dr. Behnken says, "I have never met a more sincere Lutheran Christian." Others in the meeting, like Mr. Koleta, Mr. Kuss, Mr. Bolin, are Lutheran lay leaders of the type of the sainted Brauer, Waltke, Lamprecht. How they pleaded for the Church in Poland. There was no doctrinal weakness anywhere. Staunch, true Lutheranism is what they want preserved. A tentative program of relief has been fixed. A meeting with the Polish Ambassador Straz-

burger resulted in permission for your commissioners to fly to Warsaw. Only one other foreigner has been granted this — a correspondent — since the invasion of Poland. We plan to be in Warsaw about Nov. 5.

The three Polish students who want to come to our seminary to study for the ministry are in process of being released from the Polish army. Mr. H. Gallman, U. S. Minister to Great Britain, relative of Dr. Engelder, was very helpful in clearing the way for their entry to America. Mr. Mach, a candidate for the Polish ministry, will probably also come over for a year's training and study before we send him to Poland.

It was a heartrending experience to hear the ambassador, who had just returned from Poland, tell of 2,000 barefooted Polish Lutheran orphans roaming the streets of Warsaw and no one responsible nor able to care for them. They need clothing, shoes, medicine, vitamins. Pray that God will open up shipping channels to get help to them soon. I'm not worried about our people's willingness to supply what is needed. But until now there are no transportation facilities. As soon as these are secured, we'll tell our people how they can best help.

Tomorrow we leave for Germany by plane. Chaplain Piepkorn has been very helpful. Next week we shall meet with some of our chaplains stationed in Germany and France. Oct. 29—Nov. 1 we plan to meet with the Free Church brethren near Bremen. We shall also meet with Bishop Meiser, one of the Confessional Church leaders in Germany.

The Lord has opened wide the doors of Europe for the Gospel. Ours is a day of unprecedented opportunity. Our job is not to transplant to Germany or Poland or Finland the Missouri Synod, but to implant the whole council of salvation into the churches as they exist in Europe — from there on out it's God's responsibility. Only He can give the increase. The work of your commissioners here in Europe is a terrific physical, mental, and spiritual strain. We need your prayers from day to day to carry on.

London L. MEYER

Washington Lutherans Planning State Council

Meeting in their second annual "retreat" at Lutherland on Lake Killarney, midway between Seattle and Tacoma, pastors of the Puget Sound area considered the proposed constitution of the Lutheran Council of Washington, and passed upon it favorably.

The proposed organization is to be strictly a co-ordinating council. Its threefold purpose is stated in the preamble as being "(1) to make a contribution to Lutheran unity, (2) to present a common Lutheran front to the public and other religious groups, (3) to encourage Lutheran co-ordination in accordance with the distinctive principles of the participants."

The gratifying success of Associated Lutheran Welfare, now entering its second year, in bringing together Lutherans of all synods in a common enterprise, was a primary incentive in the development of this council of wider scope. Membership is to be open to all Lutheran congregations, Lutheran groups, Lutheran institutions, and Lutheran pastors not otherwise included, who accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.

The plans in the making provide for departments on Information (to and for our own people), Social Action (collaborating with Associated Lutheran Welfare), Mission Action (supporting and assisting the Regional Home Missions Council), Education (for such matters as securing legislative action for released time in public schools), Public Relations (information to the public), and a Crisis Commission (to meet emergency situations affecting all Lutheran synods).

The Pastors' Retreat appointed a committee of four to meet with a similar committee from the Spokane area retreat to develop the plans further. Appointed were Pastors Carl H. Rasmussen (N. L. C. A.), Carl Sandgren (Augustana), R. E. Spannaus (Missouri), and L. H. Steinhoff (U. L. C. A.).

Besides consideration of the proposed Lutheran Council of Washington the program included papers on "The New Testament Concept of the Kingdom," by the Rev. Henry W. Gross (Mo.), pastor of St. John's Church, Salem, Oreg.; "Roman Catholic Political Activity," by the Rev. Raymond M. Olson (N. L. C. A.), pastor of Central Church, Portland, Oreg.; "Lutheran Unity," by the Rev. J. P. Pflueger, D. D., professor at Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash. Full and frank discussion followed all topics presented.

Registrar Ralph S. Johnson reported 65 pastors in attendance, coming from American Lutheran Church (6), Augustana Synod (15), Danish Evangelical Church (2), Missouri Synod (7), Lutheran Free Church (7), Norwegian Lutheran Church (19), United Lutheran Church (9).

The continuation committee for the third annual winter seminar and the third annual summer "retreat" includes Pastors Ralph Johnson (Aug.), chairman; R. E. Spannaus (Mo.), secretary; E. L. Tungseth (L. F. C.), S. Lentz (A. L. C.), O. L. Haavik (N. L. C.), Edwin Johnson (U. L. C. A.), and A. E. Sorenson (Dan.).

R. SPANNAUS

Washington Letter

In July the number of Federal employees reached a new high — 257,000. Of these 159,000 were women. On Sept. 1 it reached a new low — 250,923, the lowest since May, 1942. Some Federal agencies will be entirely demobilized, others will be reduced. The Veterans' Bureau and other agencies will be increased. Many old departments removed from Washington will be brought back again. The Government will do that in the interest of economy and expedition. Washington will still be a crowded place. The housing situation is still very bad. It is very difficult for married people with children to get living quarters. Many were forced to buy a home in order to have a place to live. During May, June, and July thousands of young women were brought to Washington by the Government. Agencies had canvassed the farther Western States of Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, and Idaho. They concentrated their efforts on this spring's high school graduates. The influx of Lutherans was especially great, as these States are strongly Lutheran. These young women are wholesome, unsophisticated, thrilled with the idea of living in Washington and seeing the President and others of the nation's great. Most of them have come from small country towns and farming communities. We think that only with great reluctance did their parents consent to their coming here. No doubt many a mother has them continually in mind and prays daily for them. Usually they come with someone else. This gives them home-town fellowship and saves them from becoming homesick, especially on Sundays and holidays.

So often there comes over people away from home a spiritual decline and a moral laxness, which is very deplorable. Experience shows that very few of our young people become a prey to immorality, but many become spiritually indifferent. Some do not go to church at all, more drift around from church to church, hearing this and that advertised preacher. They do not want to tie themselves up with any local church or have any church obligations. And this sometimes in the case of those who went to church every Sunday and took an active part in young people's work. We are glad to write that this spring's influx has been quite faithful in looking up their Lutheran church. This may be due to the fact that many are very young and often are homesick and that their church is the only bit of home here in Washington.

The Emergency Planning Council of our Synod was early on the job and sent Miss Olinda Roettger of St. Louis here. Together with the American Missions of the National Lutheran Council, which has two workers, an office was set up. Each takes care of the members of the respective synod. Several of the Government agencies have changed their policy. Hitherto none were to be asked about their religious affiliation or preference. Now some of the departments do ask about these. They realize the importance of getting these young people under the moral influence and spiritual guidance of the churches. Our office receives the names of all Lutherans. Those affiliated with the Missouri Synod and affiliated synods are given to Miss Roettger, who tries to get in touch with them either personally or by mail or phone. Efforts are made to have them go to the nearest Missouri church. Their name also is sent to the respective pastor. It is then his job to strive to integrate them into fellowship of his church.

A social is held about twice a month in the service center. Those whose names have been recently received are specially invited. It is a joint affair, purely social. Not even a prayer. These socials create a kindly feeling of Lutherans toward each other. Surely this is God-pleasing. God wants us to have a kindly feeling toward all men, certainly toward those who are our nearest kin. At the beginning, before we knew how to handle the problem, we organized a Lutheran youth council, composed of Lutheran young people of all synods. Its purpose was chiefly to get these young people to canvass the Government departments, their business offices, and rooming houses to secure the names of Lutherans. This plan did not succeed. The first enthusiasm soon evaporated. All that remains of this young people's council

is that it has a picnic in the summer and one or two social affairs in winter. Out of it has come the National Lutheran Chorus. This summer it gave an outdoor sacred concert at the Water Gate on the banks of the Potomac under the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial. It consisted of Bach and other deeply classical religious selections. It received the highest praise from the Washington music critics. Fortunately, it has been fully recorded, so that others may experience the inspiration of that wonderful night.

J. FREDERIC WENCHEL

From a Pocket Notebook

A memorial and thanksgiving service for peace was a feature of the Slovak Lutheran Church Convention at Streator, Ill. The program listed the names of 75 enlisted men who had died in World War II. . . . The Rev. Otto Klett of Prescott, Wis., pleads that our congregations celebrate Reformation Day on Oct. 31 and thereby justify our complaint that Congress entertains bills designating this day as Arthritis Day. . . . Increases in salary are common items in the parish papers these days. At Clifton, Tex., Immanuel Church has made an adjustment of salary for the Rev. W. F. Bielefeldt, pastor, beginning in January, but granted in addition a $225.00 bonus for the year 1945. . . . At Concordia College, Milwaukee, a Japanese student, Toshio Okamoto, has been enrolled in preparation for the Lutheran ministry. The roster contains other names which suggest interesting history and background — Vander Bloemen, Nickerson, McKay, Murray, Jones, Isenberg, Hill, Cordum, Brookins, Beardsley, Fingerlin, Lasky, Chaveriat, Kennon, Moses, Pera, Salvadori, Sinischo. . . . In North East. Pa., the Walther Leaguers of St. Paul's Church (the Rev. Puscheck, Pastor) study the current issues of the LUTHERAN WITNESS at their meetings. . . . The English District of our Synod has for years considered proposals, mostly coming from without, that its congregations amalgamate with the geographical Districts of the Missouri Synod. At its last meeting a standing Committee on Amalgamation recommended: "1) That the question of amalgamation be discussed in the pastoral conferences of our English District, a) on the basis of historical development, b) with a view to the welfare of the whole Synod and the kingdom of our Savior, c) from the economic angle (expenses of conferences, conventions, missions, etc.), d) with respect to local conditions, hindrances to amalgamation, and their removal; 2) that wherever possible, one of the pastoral members of our District Committee on Amalgamation be invited to participate in such discussions." This recommendation was adopted. . . . The *Courier* is the official organ of the young people's societies of the Slovak Lutheran Church. A recent issue was devoted entirely to its men killed in action, prisoners of war, missing in action, wounded, and those returning from service to their homes. The Rev. John Bajus of Chicago is editor. . . . "We have triumphed over our enemies in spectacular fashion. But unless we can conquer our own baser instincts and rearm ourselves morally with the true precepts of Christianity, the generations to come will be reading best sellers entitled 'What Happened to America?'" John S. Knight (publisher and editor of the *Chicago Daily News*) Sept. 22, 1945. — William Dallmann. . . . Mr. T. J. Koch, teacher of St. Peter's Church, Columbus, Ind., has recently been given a year's leave of absence with full pay. . . . Mr. Koch of Columbus, Ind., and Mr. H. J. Heyne of Hinsdale, Ill., are distinguished among all our teachers by their development of the gift of landscape painting. . . . We were greatly touched, turning the leaves of a congregational calendar of devotions and finding a page given to prayers for the officials of Synod and Districts. This is as it should be. We will *love* them for whom we pray. G.

Eldora Circuit Luther Day

Sunday, Aug. 26, marked another Luther Day rally at Iowa Falls. For the fourteenth consecutive year the Missouri Synod congregations in Franklin, Hardin, Marshall, and Grundy Counties, Iowa District East, sponsored this annual day of praise. The Lord granted ideal weather to make this festival a success.

Two services were conducted in the spacious auditorium of the Iowa Baptist Assembly Grounds. The stage was converted into a suitable chancel equipped with altar, lectern, and pulpit. Huge bouquets of beautiful flowers, furnished by the ladies of the Alden congregation, enhanced the setting. To the left of the improvised chancel a large service flag revealed that our circuit has six gold stars and 381 service stars.

In the morning service the Rev. E. Voss of Saginaw, Mich., delivered the sermon on the theme "Luther, the Liberator." In the afternoon service Dr. O. A. Geiseman of River Forest, Ill., issued a ringing challenge to our Church, outlining a three-point program for Christian action in the postwar world.

A chorus of ninety voices, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Seidel of Waterloo and accompanied by Mrs. Walter Gunther of Eldora, contributed two anthems.

The exhibit of congregational posters with their pictures, church calendars, and statistics attracted considerable attention. A vast quantity of tracts, supplied by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, was distributed. The offerings received in both services will be used for missions and charities. It is estimated that the total attendance for the day exceeded 3,000.

G. H. P.

Iowa District East Convention

The sixth convention of the Iowa District East held in St. Stephen's Church, Atkins, Iowa, Aug. 13 to 16, will be remembered especially because the news of the capitulation of Japan was announced after the Tuesday afternoon session. Vice-President Barth delivered a special message on Wednesday morning on Psalm 117, commemorating the return of peace. He also preached the opening sermon on Mark 16:15, 16, 20 and on each succeeding day reported on the ever-expanding work of Synod. Holy Communion was celebrated in the opening service, preceded by a brief preparatory sermon by Pastor I. G. Kitzemann. On Tuesday afternoon the undersigned conducted a brief Christian Education Service. The Rev. Mark Steege presented an essay on "The Lutheran Pastor: His Essential Qualifications, the Pastor in his Home, in Church, in the Homes of his Members, in the Community."

Much time was spent in considering the needs of the twenty-four mission congregations of the District. Five congregations had become self-supporting during the past biennium. Four Christian day schools are being supported. The convention thanked the missionaries for their faithful labors.

Part of the Crowd at Eldora Circuit Luther Day. Iowa District East

Iowa East, though a small District, supports two full-time student workers, one at the Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, and the other at the State University at Iowa City. At Iowa City the chapel has been enlarged, a fine lounge for students is being planned, several improvements in the parsonage were made, and an option on adjacent property has been secured. For the student service work at Cedar Falls the District allowed $50,000 for a chapel and $8,000 for a parsonage. Almost half of this amount is already on hand, an outright gift of the National Lutheran Education Association. The purchase of a home for the institutional missionary at Iowa City was approved.

At the suggestion of the teachers the office of a full-time executive secretary of Christian education was created. A call for suitable candidates for this office is to go out to the congregations of the District.

Election results: President, Rev. C. Hesse; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Otto Nieting and Rev. W. D. Oetting; Secretary, Rev. Otto Schultz; Treasurer, Mr. Paul Schuetz; Board of Directors: Chairman, Mr. E. H. Strieter; Secretary of Missions, Rev. H. J. Heilmann; Secretary of Institutional Missions and Student Subsidy, Rev. Geo. A. Koch; Secretary of Christian Education, Rev. John Schliepsiek; Secretary of Young People's Work, Mr. O. Kamprath; Financial Secretary, Mr. H. B. Jaeger; Secretary of Church Extension, Mr. C. H. Haesemeyer. L. C. WUERFFEL

Colorado District Convention

In spite of the shrieking of sirens and the significant silence of guns, the Colorado District held its 17th convention at Emmaus Church, Denver (H. G. Hartner, pastor), Aug. 13—17. Dr. J. W. Behnken preached the opening sermon, gave information and inspiration on General Synod, and also conducted the V-J service on Tuesday evening. The Rev. W. Geihsler read a paper on "Law and Gospel," and Rev. A. H. Schmid read a paper on "The Structure and Procedure of Synod."

The missions of the District received considerable attention on the convention floor. That this is an aggressive missionary District was evidenced by the fact that five new congregations were received into membership. Since the last convention, two congregations opened a Christian day school, and this September two more schools will open, and three one-room schools will operate as a two-room plant.

A resolution was passed to investigate the possibilities of greater social work in the Colorado District, with the end in view to establish institutions of mercy. The District's twenty per cent of the Peace Thankoffering was placed into the Church Extension Fund.

The following officers were elected: Dr. E. J. Friedrich, President; C. F. Schmid, First Vice-President; P. G. Stephan, Second Vice-President; Rev. R. Beins, Secretary; Mr. L. Chadwick, Treasurer; and the Rev. H. G. Hartner, Chairman of the Mission Board.

Boulder, Colo. THEO. SCHABACKER

Kansas District Convention

Fellow Lutherans of the Sunflower State assembled in St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., Aug. 20—24. Dr. J. W. Behnken delivered the opening sermon.

Following close on the heels of V-J Day, the morale of the delegates was exceptionally high. Cool weather and a record attendance of 259 delegates helped to make this one of the outstanding conventions of the District.

The essayist was Pastor Fred Kramer of Ellinwood, Kans. His topic was: "The Election of Grace."

Great emphasis was placed on Christian education. This is indicated by the fact that the office of Executive Secretary of Parish Education was created. The choice and the calling of this secretary was entrusted to the newly organized Board of Directors.

A few years ago the Kansas District established the office of Executive Secretary of Missions and Finances. Reports at the convention proved that this was a wise move. As a result there is a closer relationship between the worker and the Board, more frequent visits in the field, better salaries, even a car allowance for our missionaries, a well-stocked Church Extension Fund, five new missions opened, five consolidations, and thirteen parishes marked off as self-supporting. Many towns and cities were reported systematically canvassed in the past two years with excellent results.

The Board of Directors: President W. H. Meyer, Vice-Presidents Hugo Mueller and George Hoyer; Pastors O. Henning, W. J. Stelling, and A. Rast; Teachers A. Droegemueller and H. Osthoff; Laymen C. A. Hass and W. Schmid of Topeka, Wm. Harms of Wichita, and Ed. Hartke of Lincolnville.

Youth work, the returning serviceman, finances, the Lutheran Hour, the American Bible Society, our colleges at Seward and Winfield, regulations of the Board of Directors, all received their proper attention on a crowded program.

Garden City, Kans. O. W. MEYER

Southern District Convention

The forty-first convention of the Southern District was held at the Hotel Jung, New Orleans, La., Aug. 28—30, 1945. President Holls' opening address, on Jer. 22:29, immediately impressed the one hundred delegates and visitors with the sublime nature and purpose of the convention. The District President's report on the many phases of District activities was both gratifying and challenging to the entire assembly. Ten committees composed of pastors and laymen, previously appointed to make recommendations and submit reports on details of District matters, functioned efficiently to present a multiplicity of matters related to the Lord's business. The Board of Directors received authority to place missionaries in several prospective mission fields at once. The District resolved the full-time employment of a director of missions and stewardship. Other resolutions were adopted to further endorse and facilitate the Christian instruction of our children and youth. The convention engaged in discussions and passed resolutions calculated to increase the flow of funds for the Lord's work at home and abroad. Dr. H. Grueber, officially representing Synod, presented synodical affairs. He also preached the sermon for the convention service on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Six pastors and two congregations were received into membership of Synod. The Rev. H. B. Roepe presented an essay on "The Use of the Bible." This interesting paper was based on a compilation of writings on the subject by our synodical fathers. Dr. H. Studtmann, Director of Concordia College, Austin, Tex., spoke in behalf of the institution. The following officers were elected to serve the District: Pastor M. W. H. Holls, President; Pastor W. H. Hafner, First Vice-President; Pastor Henry Meyer, Second Vice-President; Pastor A. H. Klamt, Secretary; Mr. Enno Schoenhardt, Financial Secretary; Mr. Ed. Wegener, Treasurer.

ALBERT H. D. BESALSKI

Alabama Conference

The Alabama Lutheran Conference of the Synodical Conference Negro Missions held its annual convention at Oak Hill, Ala., Aug. 16—19. St. Paul's Congregation (the Rev. H. J. Lehman, pastor) was host to the convention.

A scroll, prepared by the Rev. Wm. Wedig, acting superintendent, and signed by all the pastors and delegates, was sent to Rev. E. A. Westcott, in appreciation of his twenty-five years of service in Alabama as missionary and superintendent. Present at the convention was the Rev. Walter Ellwanger, new superintendent of the Alabama field.

The Sunday schools of the Alabama Conference have again shown great zeal for our African Missions. A total of $1,854.06 was brought together during the year for the purpose of establishing a library for our missionaries and teachers in Nigeria. The conference pledged itself to a goal of $1,900 for the next year, ending June 30, 1946.

H. J. Lehman was re-elected chairman of the conference.

Mobile, Ala. WILLIAM H. JONES

Letters from Readers

ATOMIC POWER AND THE DARWINIAN PILL

Now that we have to our terror squeezed the trigger on the atom and set the very elements to falling apart with a display suggesting supernatural phenomena, one might ask these mortals that if they can in a split second observe the flying to pieces of the very fundamentals of the universe, so far as "stuff" is concerned, must we go on trying to assume that it got together ALL BY ITSELF only over a period of millions and millions of years.

I think if some of our scientists were to come upon the ruins at Hiroshima, say 100 years from now, they wouldn't find it hard to spin some theories which would have us assume that the action of this bomb must have taken place over a span of centuries.

I also think that your refutation of this Darwinian "pill" in the *Reader's Digest* ought to appear somewhere else besides the LUTHERAN WITNESS. I find high school and college youngsters swallowing that article in the *Digest* hook, line, and sinker.

Vandalia, Ill. A. C. MEIER

(The request is often voiced that articles which appeared in the LUTHERAN WITNESS be printed in tract form for wider distribution. It should be remembered that few tracts have attained a distribution of more than 10,000 copies, whereas the LUTHERAN WITNESS is printed in more than 228,000 copies per issue. Figured cost per item, there is no comparison at all between distribution through the pages of the LUTHERAN WITNESS and publication in tract form. THE EDITORS)

A RETURNING VETERAN'S IMPRESSIONS

DEAR EDITOR:

Some ten or twelve years ago I made a survey of communities that were unoccupied of our Lutheran Church. I discovered large sections in Southern California without a pastor of our Church. From the study of our church annual and a United States map I found still greater fields in our homeland out of range of our Church and Synod. A few years then passed by, and our beloved country was in war. Through the grace of God we won victory, the victory for a greater tomorrow. I, a veteran of World War II, am safely home from Europe. Today I look upon my Church with pride and joy. My Church in all its trials through worldly struggle stands before man as a beacon in the night. My Church teaches the pure Gospel of Christ in all its truth and purity, and my community today is no more without the Lutheran Church. Mission fields have been planted in untold growing communities. Christian day schools are increasing, and more time is given toward the building of youth endeavors. Again I look back to the past, and, seeing another year in its closing weeks, I see the progress the Lutheran Church has made at home and abroad.

Whittier, Calif. ELMER DODRILL

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. Edwin A. Burdorf (d. Aug. 30, 1945), the son of Fred V. and Louise Burdorf, was born Mar. 18, 1909, at Gibbon, Minn., was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. C. G. Seltz at Moltke, Minn., was educated at St. Paul and St. Louis, graduating in 1932. In his student days he did supply work at Embarrass, Wis., and after his graduation, for two years, at Chicago. His pastorates were at Vergas, Minn. (nine years), and at Trinity, Carver (two years). Pres. R. Heyne of the Minnesota District and Visitor L. Wohlfeil officiated at the funeral in Carver, and the Rev. O. W. Rohde at his home church in Gibbon. His early death is mourned by his mother, three brothers, and eight sisters.

R. J. MUELLER

The Rev. Johann Heinrich Schnitker (d. Sept. 11, 1945), born at Osternburg, Oldenburg, Germany, on Sept. 30, 1863, came to America in 1879. In June, 1894, he was one of a class of fifty-three to graduate from Concordia Seminary, Springfield. He became the first resident pastor of the congregation in Beaver Township, Humboldt, Iowa. From 1910 to 1912 he served at Mallard, Iowa, and then in Danville Township, near Minnesota Lake, Minn. After twenty years of labor in this congregation his health began to fail, and he retired to New Ulm, Minn., in August, 1932.

He was married to Miss Lydia Wiederaenders of Grand Island, Nebr., on June 26, 1895. Two sons and one daughter preceded their father in death. He is survived by his sorrowing widow, three sons, three daughters, and nine grandchildren.

On April 18 he suddenly became seriously ill. After five months of intense suffering he fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of Sept. 11. Burial took place on Sept. 14 at New Ulm. Clergymen officiating were Prof. E. R. Bliefernicht and the local pastors, G. Hinnenthal and L. Ristow.

CORR.

The Rev. Frederick William Obermeier (d. Sept 17, 1945) was born in Gehlenbeck, Germany, Dec. 23, 1888. Influenced by his uncle, the Rev. W. Bekemeier of Arcadia, Mich., he came to America in 1905. He took private instructions from his uncle and attended a public school in Kansas in order to improve his knowledge of English. He entered our Springfield Seminary in 1907, graduating, after serving one year as student pastor in Brighton, Colo., in 1913. He served at Sterling, Colo., 1913 to 1917, and Greeley, 1917 to 1945. During his pastorate here a new, beautiful church edifice was dedicated.

In his synodical District he served as member of the Mission Board, as its chairman, as Vice-President and President, and lately as member of the important Committee on Appeals.

On Good Friday he became so ill from a heart ailment that he was forced to take a prolonged rest. Seemingly restored to normal strength, he attended the District convention in August and again occupied his pulpit on the first two Sundays in September.

The funeral was held September 21, 1945, from Trinity Church, Greeley, Colo. The Rev. Theo. Meyer of Fort Collins delivered the address on John 12:26. President E. J. Friedrich, D. D., spoke in behalf of the District, on Acts 13:36. The undersigned read the burial service. Twenty-five pastors and several teachers were present.

In 1913 he married Miss Lydia Kraemer of Brighton, Colo. This union was blessed with five children, two sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Arnold, is pastor in Sterling. A half brother, Henry Klenke, is missionary in Brazil.

O. LUESSENHOP

Teacher Christian Paul, St. Louis (d. June 13, 1945), at the age of almost eighty-five years. He was buried at Concordia Cemetery, June 17. Teacher G. H. Beck spoke at his bier in behalf of the Teachers' Conference, and the undersigned preached on John 11:40 and officiated at the grave.

Teacher Paul, son of John and Louise (Urspruch) Paul, was born Nov. 19, 1860, at Minerstown, as that section, now a part of St. Louis, was then called, and here he lived all his life except the years spent at Addison Teachers' College, where he was graduated in 1882. In that year he began his teaching career at St. John's, St. Louis, working always in perfect Christian harmony with Pastor Herman Bartels.

He was married to Miss Mathilda Ude in 1888, who departed this life in 1943. They had five children; the two sons died early; one daughter is the wife of the Rev. Rud. Herrmann of Lidderdale, Iowa, another is married to the Rev. Paul Hansen, pastor of St John's, St. Louis and one is unmarried. There are ten grandchildren.

N. P. UHLIG

Theodore Carl Buegel, teacher emeritus (d. Sept. 5, 1945), was born Nov. 13, 1866, in St. Louis, as the son of John and Wilhelmine (Querl) Buegel. When he was four years old, his mother died, and he made his home with relatives in Chicago and St. Louis, where he attended Christian day schools. When his father remarried, the family moved to Paola, Kans. From 1883 to 1887 he attended Concordia Teachers' College at Addison, Ill. He served the schools of St. Peter's Church in St. Paul (1887—1890) and of St. John's in Young America, Minn. (1890—1932). On Oct. 29, 1891, he married Miss Elizabeth Henke of St. Paul, who preceded him in death in 1930. During the 41 years of his service in Young America he saw the school grow from one room with 128 pupils to a three-room school. He also served as chairman of the Minnesota District Teachers' Conference for eighteen years and as a member of the District's Board of Christian Education for several terms. He is survived by 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and one stepsister. Funeral services were conducted at Young America on Sept. 8. The Revs. W. P. Kramer, of the local church, and Carl Nuernberg, a former pupil of Mr. Buegel, preached the sermons. His body lies in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery at Young America. W. P. KRAMER

DEATH NOTICE

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 1945, the **Rev. William F. Doeling** of Hope Church, Victoria, B. C., Can., was called to his eternal rest after a lengthy illness. C. F. BAASE

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Christ, Set the World Aright! Radio Messages on the Eleventh Lutheran Hour from New Year to the Pentecost Season. By Dr. Walter A. Maier. Ph. D., D. D. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 377 and XXXVI pages. $2.50.

This is the twelfth volume in a series of radio messages by Dr. Maier. In his Foreword Dr. Maier quotes from any number of letters which have been received from listeners, white and colored, Catholic and Protestant, soldiers and civilians, men and women. We feel inclined to quote, but all are so impressive that it is beyond us to make a selection. God certainly has blessed the work of the Lutheran Hour. Each sermon is prefaced by an earnest prayer expressed in dignified language. The sermons themselves are textual, interesting, and certainly timely. Dr. Maier is specific. He does not utter generalities in stereotyped phrase. His introductions arrest attention. No occurrence seems to escape him. He has been alert and seen and heard what is going on about him, and he knows how to make the most of all this for the benefit of his hearers and readers. When listening to him, the conviction grows upon you: That preacher means me. Moreover, the doctor speaks the American language. He teaches the old truths in the diction of our day. We join in the prayer of one who has read these sermons carefully: "May the same Spirit who blessed their forceful testimony upon the hearts of uncounted listeners bless their message upon the hearts and lives of countless readers.

S.

Growing Up in Reading. Practive Book VI. William Bloom, Elmer Huedepohl. Consultant: Alfred Schmieding. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 62 pages. 45 cents.

Concordia Publishing House's series of readers called *Reading for Interest* have been reviewed in these pages. With each of the readers there is also published a workbook which encourages initiative, thought, and the desire to advance in the pupil. *Growing Up in Reading* is the practice book which is to accompany the volume called *The Brave and the Free* of the *Reading for Interest* series. It contains any amount of exercises and questions, all of which will aid and encourage the child to read intelligently, to analyze words and sentences, and to picture in imagination what it reads in the story. The work outlined in the book will certainly lead the child to do its own thinking and make its own decisions.

S.

Living with Luther. By J. M. Weidenschilling. Illustrations by Gustav Koenig. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 47 pages. 20 cents.

The author of this book has certainly accomplished a marvel. In brief chapters he has given us a life of Luther which children may read and enjoy. At the same time even the elders, yea, pastors and teachers, may read it in an hour or less. Thus the essentials in Luther's life may be found without loss of time. Though the text is so abridged, beautiful illustrations help to keep the interest alive and to impress the reader. A happy thought of the author was the addition of Luther's unsurpassed letter to his little son Hans. And finally there are given the chief dates in Luther's life, sixteen of them. Even an easily scanned map is supplied, with the chief places of interest distinctly indicated.

S.

Statistical Yearbook of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States for the Year 1944. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 240 pages. $1.00.

By many in Synod this book has been awaited patiently. Their patience is rewarded by a nearly complete record of all pastors, teachers, congregations, and the other usual statistics and enumerations. More than that, we noted quite a number of additions and improved tabulations, *e. g.*, gains and losses in communicant membership during 1944, church attendance (p. 150), the effect upon contributions by parochial schools and by indebtedness, and other items too many to mention. No other publication offers us such a comprehensive and detailed picture of our Synod. The statistician is to be congratulated upon succeeding to provide us with this useful book of information and reference.

S.

The Light of the Gentiles. A Children's Christmas Program. By A. C. Mueller. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 16 pages. 5 cents each; dozen, 50 cents; 100, $3.50.

On Earth Peace! A Children's Christmas Program. By H. W. Gockel and E. J. Saleska. 20 pages. Same prices.

Two beautiful programs for children's Christmas services. Some of the hymns are given with their musical setting, some without. Questions and answers and a number of recitations are supplied. We were pleased to note that both of the programs contain that beautiful hymn of Luther's: "From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come." Each also offers responsive readings and the liturgical part of the service. The general arrangement of both is such as to permit each pastor or teacher to make the changes required by his peculiar conditions.

S.

Christian Preschool Education. 1945 Second Yearbook. 112 pages, 6×9. Lutheran Education Association, 7400 Augusta St., River Forest, Ill.

Thoughtful and scholarly essays on subjects related to the most important problem before our Church, now and always, Christian education. Every chapter packed with information and valuable suggestions, and treating of subjects as diversified as "The Family and Social Change," "Psychology of Early Childhood," "Education and the Family," "Parent Training," "The Preschool Child," and "Nursery Schools" and "Kindergartens." The most heartening thing about the whole book is the long list of teachers and pastors now members of the association. Sixteen solid pages of names and addresses.

G.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Wismar

Karg-Elert Album for Organ. Compiled and edited by Robert Leech Bedell. Edward B. Marks Music Corporation.

A choice selection of the composer's best works, the title page informs us. We find among the 19 selections seven chorale preludes, some thematic, and the rest program music. The collection gives one a good estimate of the composer.

The Chorales from the Organ Works of Brahms. Edited and harmonized for chorus of mixed voices by Winfred Douglas. With an introduction on the organ music of Brahms. $1.00. The H. W. Gray Co., Inc.

The collection contains the ten great, beautiful German chorales for which Brahms has written his preludes and a fugue. The harmonization has been deftly and artfully done. At a concert the chorale may be used as an introduction to the prelude, and then the choir may sing the chorale, or vice versa. Winfred Douglas was a clergyman, organist, hymnologist and authority on the music of the Episcopal Church. He was canon of Saint John's Cathedral in Denver, Colo., at the time of his death, Jan. 18, 1944. The Introduction alone is worth the price to every organist who plays these great numbers. The notes were begun by Canon Douglas and finished by Leonard Ellinwood. Each one of the ten chorale harmonizations may be had separately.

Ballade in D. By Joseph W. Clokey. 75 cents.

Two new organ numbers published by The H. W. Gray Co., which may interest the concert and the more ambitious organist.

The Twenty-Third Psalm. By Russell J. Brown. For high and low voice. The H. W. Gray Co. 50 cents.

A grateful solo, not difficult. Published in two keys.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

Ordained: **CANDIDATES**

Frederick Wm. Boecher in Our Savior Church, New York, N. Y., by B. von Schenk, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

Ordained and Commissioned:

Robert O. Wudy in Pilgrim Church, Quimby, Iowa, as missionary at large in the Iowa District West by E. J. Wehrspann, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.

Arne P. Kristo at Wilmington, Calif., as missionary in the Southern California District by M. J. Bruer, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

Ordained and Installed:

George C. Derwig in St. John's Congregation, Kampsville, Ill., by G. A. Derwig, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

Installed: **PASTORS**

Millard T. Wolfram in First Lutheran Congregation, East Grand Forks, Minn., by T. E. Dorpat, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

A. J. Boester in Zion Congregation, Garrett, Ind., by Henry Boester, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

E. H. H. Gade, Jr., in St. John's Congregation, Emerald, and in Grace Congregation, Connersville, Wis., by Martin Fenner, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Lloyd H. Goetz in Bethlehem Congregation, Nekoosa, and in St. Paul's Congregation near Nekoosa, Wis., by A. R. Schulz, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
A. C. Hahn in St. John's Congregation, Stryker, Ohio, by George Maassel, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
W. J. Janssen in Bethlehem Congregation, Renton, Wash., by E. F. Schwidder, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
John W. Klotz in Grace Church, River Forest, Ill., as professor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., by P. L. Kluender, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Ottomar Krueger in Zion Congregation, Akron, Ohio, by W. H. Storm, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Marcus Lang in St. John's Congregation, Fayetteville, Ark., by William H. Ludwig, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Hugo W. Larson in St. Martin's Congregation, Utica, S. Dak., by W. P. Haak, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Elmer F. Muhly in Calvary Congregation, Aberdeen, Wash., by Ernest R. Drews, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
E. H. Pittelko in Immanuel Congregation, Hinsdale, Ill., by J. H. Mueller, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Martin H. Rothe in Immanuel Congregation, Braunschweig, and in Holy Cross Congregation, Livingston, Ill., by J. W. Hennig, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Victor M. Selle in Emmaus Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by F. F. Selle, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Paul G. Weinhold in St. Paul's Congregation, Whittemore, Iowa, by A. F. Rehder, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
George H. Williston in Trinity Congregation, Springfield, Ill., by Theo. F. Walther, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
E. Geistfeld in St. John's Congregation, Sargeant, Minn., by C. F. Knauft, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
N. M. Hasz in Immanuel Congregation, Lidgerwood, N. Dak., and in Zion Congregation, Claire City, S. Dak., by W. H. Cordts, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Arthur G. Kuecker in Trinity Congregation, New Haven, Mo., by H. W. Niewald, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Robert Moehring in First Lutheran Congregation, Algonac, Mich., by L. Heinecke, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
H. A. Rehwaldt in St. Peter's Congregation, East St. Louis, Ill., by Herman A. Etzold, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Henry F. Ressmeyer in Grace Congregation, Malverne, L. I., N. Y., by George C. Koenig, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
A. Scheidt in St. John's Congregation, Vincennes, Ind., by O. Horstmann, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Wilbert Weber in Trinity Congregation, La Porte, Ind., by J. W. Acker, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Karl S. Ansorge in Immanuel Congregation, Parkers Prairie, Minn., by E. J. Dreyer, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
E. H. Beckmann in Trinity Congregation, Dillon, Iowa, by Fred H. Ilten, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Raymond W. Fechner in Trinity Congregation, Conroy, Iowa, by H. P. Greif, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
E. Lammert in First Congregation, Clearwater, Fla., by R. C. Steinbach, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
H. Leimer in Trinity Congregation, Iowa Park, Tex., by A. O. Kaltwasser, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Herbert H. Nagel in Christ Church, Chicago, Ill., as missionary in South Des Plaines, Ill., by George L. Luecke, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
H. I. Naumann in St. Paul's Congregation, Cascade, Wis., by G. Kaniess, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Harold V. Schmidt in Mount Olive Congregation, near Flint, Mich., by Osborn J. Reeb, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Conrad Schroeder in Immanuel Congregation, Delhi, N. Y., by E. L. Witte, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Otto Toelke in St. Thomas Congregation, Rocky River, Ohio, by Carl H. Toelke, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Harold A. Wood in Grace Congregation, Duluth, Minn., by Alvin G. Fehner, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Herbert Wunderlich in St. Stephanus Congregation as assistant pastor, St. Paul, Minn., by Pres. R. G. Heyne, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
C. W. Koch in St. John's Congregation, Lafe, Ark., by E. C. Peterson, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
E. H. Neben in Zion Congregation, Crookston, Nebr., by Martin Dorn, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
John F. Sullivan in Ebenezer Church, Milwaukee, Wis., as professor in Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., by Leroy C. Rincker, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
Lewis Eickhoff in Epiphany Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by O. H. Schmidt, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
E. A. Freiburger in Trinity Congregation, Egeland, and Zion Congregation, Munich, N. Dak., by O. W. Schaefer, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
F. T. Gabert in Bethlehem Congregation, Vancouver, B. C., by C. F. Baase, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
Leonard A. Gabert in Peace Congregation, Trail, and Trinity Congregation, Fruitvale, B. C., by H. J. Kritsch, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
Walter Mueller in Hope Congregation, Wapato, Wash., by E. W. Hinrichs, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
E. A. Neitzel in Our Savior Congregation, Canton, Ohio, by W. H. Storm, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
Walter J. Gieselman in St. Paul's Congregation, Slater, Mo., by Albert F. L. Schroeder, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

Installed: TEACHERS

Elmer Arnst in St. Peter's Congregation, Arlington Heights, Ill., by Harry C. Fricke, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
H. Bacon in Immanuel Congregation, Cleveland, Ohio, by A. W. Hinz, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Raymond E. Brei in Zion Congregation, Alexandria, Minn., by A. C. Seltz, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Elmer Dautenhahn in St. Paul's Congregation, Wichita Falls, Tex., by C. M. Beyer, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Emil H. Deffner in Grace Church as professor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., by P. L. Kluender, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
A. E. Doering in Trinity Congregation, Cape Girardeau, Mo., by F. H. Melzer, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
E. W. Ebert in Bethany Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by Geo. Beiderwieden, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
A. Eilrich in St. John's Congregation, near Gaylord, Minn., by E. K. Hartenberger, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
August F. Gerken in St. Paul's Congregation, Westlake, Ohio, by W. J. Single, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Fred W. Hamann in Tabor Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by Geo. P. Hildner, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Theo. W. Hoyer in Redeemer Congregation, Flushing Heights, N. Y., by Robert F. Lindemann, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
E. Kalthoff in St. Paul's Congregation, Addison, Ill., as teacher in the Children's Home, Addison, Ill., by A. Schlechte, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
G. F. Klammer in Cross Congregation, Yorkville, Ill., by R. H. Bekemeier, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Cand. Martin W. Klammer in St. Peter's Congregation (Sp.), Houston, Tex., by O. E. Naumann, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Wilbert E. Krause in Mount Calvary Congregation, Charlotte, N. C., by Leslie F. Frerking, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Theodore E. Lange in St. Paul's Congregation, Leavenworth, Kans., by Alfred O. Rast, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
August Lohr in St. Peter's Congregation, Huntington, Ind., by H. J. Reinking, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Herman F. Miller in Our Savior Congregation, Rego Park, L. I., N. Y., by Frederick W. Feinsinger, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
E. H. Ruprecht in St. Paul's Congregation, Addison, Ill., by Arno Schlechte, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Virgil Schachtsiek in First Lutheran Congregation, Culver City, Calif., by Harold B. Tietjen, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Warren F. Schmidt in Immanuel Congregation, South Chicago, Ill., by W. C. A. Martens, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Walter H. Schmidt in Nazareth Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by William Lochner, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Edward F. Schoenleber in Emmaus Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by R. J. Torgler, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Cand. Willard F. Schroeder in Gethsemane Congregation, St Paul, Minn., by Paul M. Krause, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Theo. Tiemann in Redeemer Congregation, Oakland, Calif., by Frank A. Haedicke, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Elroy L. Venzke in Tabor Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by C. R. Matthies, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Linton L. Ellwein in Trinity Congregation, Cheyenne, Wyo., by K. H. Evers, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
John M. Runge in St. Stephen's Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by Arthur C. Nitz, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
Gerhard A. Schmiel in St. Peter's Congregation, Lakefield, Minn., by Fred A. Kolander, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
Harry R. Voigt in Trinity Congregation, Tinley Park, Ill., by Oswald Woelzlein, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
F. Walter Timm in St. John's Congregation, Napoleon, Ohio, 6 N. W., by George Maassel, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
F. J. Walther in Trinity Congregation, Hebron, Nebr., by A. H. Mette, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.
Cand. Fred Wendt in Immanuel Congregation, Osmond, Nebr., by Theo. Stolp, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Frederick J. Zehnder in Emanuel Congregation, Fort Wayne, Ind., by F. Heidbrink, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Paul Bouman in St. Paul's Congregation, Melrose Park, Ill., by P. L. Kluender, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Henry J. Engelhardt in Bethlehem Congregation, Sheboygan, Wis., by H. H. Wegner, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
L. W. Fischer in Immanuel Congregation, Williamsburg, Iowa, by E. W. M. Brewer, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
E. M. Lindemann in Peace Congregation, Antigo, Wis., by A. Fergin, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Herman E. Meyer in St. Paul's Congregation, Norwood Park, Ill., by A. H. Zimmer, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Alfred L. Mueller in Holy Cross Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by A. W. Born, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Cand. Robert Rickels in St. Paul's Congregation, Melrose Park, Ill., by P. L. Kluender, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Rupert W. Scheer in Peace Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by Enno G. Claus, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
G. T. Schlichting in First Congregation, El Monte, Calif., by Henry E. Elfman, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.
Marion Bohlen in Zion Congregation, near St. Libory, Nebr., by H. W. Meyer, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Elmer Eggold as professor in the Lutheran High School, Racine, Wis., by A. Koelpin, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Erwin G. Koch in Immanuel Congregation, Twin Falls, Idaho, by R. C. Muhly, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Erwin G. Kohtz in Immanuel Congregation, Arapahoe, Nebr., by Alvin R. Lade, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Ben Pfeiffer as professor in the Lutheran High School, Racine, Wis., by A. Koelpin, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.
Herman J. Karth in Emanuel Congregation, South St. Paul, Minn., by W. Stolper, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

Dedications

Dedicated to the Glory of God

Nashville, Ill. (O. L. Bernthal). The new pipe organ of St. Peter's Congregation, 14 Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Norfolk, Va. (Paul A. Plawin). The new church of Trinity Congregation, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Crystal Lake, Ill. (G. A. Gehrs). The new pipe organ of Immanuel Congregation, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.

Anniversaries

The Following Congregations Celebrated Anniversaries

Reeseville, Wis., Immanuel Congregation (B. C. Gumz), the 50th, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 19.
Shelby, Mich., St. Stephen's Congregation (Martin Sonntag), the 75th, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.
Van Wert, Ohio, Emmanuel Congregation (W. H. Moeller), the 75th, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.
20. Sun. p. Tr. (Oct. 14): Good Shepherd Congregation, *Inglewood, Calif.* (E. W. Dierker), the 10th. — Zion Congregation, *Plainview, Nebr.* (Theo. Stolp), the 60th.

Cornerstone Laying

Miami Shores, Fla., Redeemer Congregation (H. F. Krach), 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 12.

Pastors' Conference Meetings

North Texas Regional, Nov. 13—15, St. Paul's, Wichita Falls. — PAUL KAISER, *Sec.*

One-day of St. Louis and Vicinity, Nov. 23, 9:30 A. M., Concordia Seminary. — WALTER J. WARNECK, *Sec.*

FINANCIAL REPORT, Receipts February 1, 1945, to September 30, 1945

From Districts	Budget Accounts	Peace Thankoffering
1. Alberta and British Columbia	$ 3,227.37	$ 17,350.00
2. Argentina	150.00	——
3. Atlantic	51,832.00	——
4. Brazil	——	——
5. California and Nevada	6,303.82	49,284.51
6. Central	157,785.97	434,595.07
7. Central Illinois	54,124.92	138,644.11
8. Colorado	6,160.45	45,086.34
9. Eastern	35,841.38	119,819.66
10. English	66,848.84	155,192.02
11. Iowa East	25,900.00	103,646.42
12. Iowa West	59,541.85	214,730.88
13. Kansas	21,896.43	136,869.93
14. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	3,425.64	17,572.25
15. Michigan	157,442.81	359,510.02
16. Minnesota	107,519.05	259,392.19
17. Montana	1,626.15	16,777.76
18. North Dakota	10,590.41	56,271.47
19. Northern Illinois	132,689.81	348,005.22
20. Northern Nebraska	18,362.81	80,939.87
21. North Wisconsin	55,703.42	130,341.19
22. Oklahoma	7,218.95	35,866.37
23. Ontario	7,074.00	32,000.00
24. Oregon and Washington	16,230.64	105,450.86
25. South Dakota	4,643.65	54,295.84
26. Southeastern	15,930.17	51,868.50
27. Southern	9,674.37	53,618.71
28. Southern California	6,695.33	77,868.60
29. Southern Illinois	27,440.86	90,929.91
30. Southern Nebraska	21,022.00	105,012.11
31. South Wisconsin	85,712.42	160,746.14
32. Texas	22,985.76	72,944.00
33. Western	104,428.91	308,825.78
Totals from Districts	$1,306,030.19	$3,833,455.73
From L. L. L. Endowment Fund	43,010.99	
From Other Sources	74,047.14	14,099.88
GRAND TOTAL	$1,423,088.32	$3,847,555.61*

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Financial Secretary*

* If we assume that the Districts remitted 80 per cent of their Peace Thankoffering receipts, then the aggregate of all receipts is $4,746,609.92.

Results of Election

Mr. E. C. Huebschmann was elected to the chair of Mathematics and Science at our Concordia College in Austin, Tex. — COLLEGE OF ELECTORS, OTTO HOYER, *Secretary.*

Pastor L. C. Wuerffel of Iowa City, Iowa, has been elected to the librarianship at Concordia Teachers College of Seward. — I. C. HEINICKE, *Chairman, Electoral College.*
Seward, Nebr., Oct. 21, 1945

Announcements

Since Pastor Carl F. Weidmann, M. A., has accepted the position as Housemaster at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., *Pastor Herbert H. Gallman,* Jersey City, N. J., has been appointed Visitor of the Hudson (A) Circuit. — H. J. RIPPE, *President of the Atlantic District.*

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